RESOLUTION NO.	5545

ENDORSING PARTICIPATION AS A GREEN VALLEY JURISDICTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIALTO, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE GREEN VALLEY INITIATIVE AND

WHEREAS, San Bernardino County with Riverside County convened the initial efforts in June 2007 and over 400 parties have participated in the development of the recommendations of the Green Valley Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Green Valley Initiative is a project of the Green Institute for Village Empowerment (GIVE) which seeks to empower, encourage and promote principles of sustainability through education, training and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Green Valley Initiative is to see the Inland Empire region become a center of green technology with balanced economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Green Valley Initiative is to transform Riverside and San Bernardino counties into a region that integrates people and business with natural resources to create jobs, new ventures, greater opportunities and a higher quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Green Valley Initiative works with the County and all jurisdictions, as well as civic, business, economic development, educational and tribal groups, to develop model policies and programs for sustainable economic development, education and growth; and

WHEREAS, regional organizations, counties and cities, and businesses will work together through Green Valley Coordinators to accomplish the goal of creating a healthy economic and environmental future; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of this initiative benefit all Green Valley participants and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIALTO DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The City of Rialto California will hereby become a Green Valley Jurisdiction and will provide a City coordinator and participate in the development and implementation of sustainable model standards, policies, and programs to benefit the Inland Empire Region.